

TO THE CITIZENS OF COLEMAN
We Wish a Very Merry



And a Prosperous New Year

... The familiar Christmas Carols we sing every year, and never tire of... Silent Night... Oh, Come All Ye Faithful... The First Noel... all the lovely songs rendered in church, at home, and wherever free people are gathered, these things are Christmas.

... The Child-like traditions which young and old enjoy... the stockings at the fireplace... the poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas"... Dickens' Christmas Carol... the tree gleaming in the parlor... the secrecy and expectancy of bright faces, these things are Christmas.

... The last-minute rush in everything we do... rushing to meet the mailman... rushing to meet the train... rush to get more multi-colored lights that glitter and reflect the beauty of the most beautiful of all seasons, these things are Christmas.

... The beautiful spirit of giving... giving not only presents, or money to the poor... but giving our love, our willingness to help, our benevolence, our friendship to all, these things are Christmas.

International Coal & Coke Company, Limited
and
McGillivray Creek Coal & Coke Co., Limited

Peace on Earth — Good Will To All

IT is our hope that the patronage we have enjoyed during the past year has been justified by the service we have rendered and that our service may be improved to warrant your continued good-will through the years to come. To all A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

RED and WHITE STORE

Ross & Owen, Prop. Phone 78, Coleman

Good Fortune

To all our patrons those who have shared with us and those who will share with us in the future—our heartiest and sincerest greetings. May Christmas be your best!

Sentinel Motors

Russell H. Meir, Prop.



The Season's Greetings to You

We have pleasure in extending the Season's Greetings to our Policyholders. We have appreciated your loyal co-operation during the past year, and trust that 1949 will bring you happiness.

WILSON INSURANCE AGENCIES
Fire, Life, Accident, Automobile. Phone 3784



For Happiness

GOOD health, great happiness and prosperity to all are the wishes we extend to all in this best Christmas season of many long years.

Coleman Motors
Lilya & Wilson, Prop.

WITH HEARTIEST GREETINGS

Not just a wish for Christmas.
But a wish for each day of the year.
And never were greetings more hearty.
Or wishes more true and sincere.

**Coleman Light & Water Company
Limited**

Coleman Town Council

JOINS in expressing good wishes at this season to the Ratepayers of Coleman and trusts that everyone will enjoy the Christmas Season in a spirit of friendship and cooperation.

Frank Abousaify, Mayor,
George Jenkins, Wilfrid Duttl, James Lowe, John Ramsay
and Adam Wilson - Councillors.



Hearty Season's Greetings

To the Citizens of Coleman
and
Coleman School District No. 1216

May your Christmas be a joyous one,
and may that joy soon spread
over the entire world.

COLEMAN SCHOOL BOARD

George Evans - Chairman
D. Holly, O. Bomben, J. Wilkie, M. Cornett Trustees

To our Customers and Friends throughout the Crows Nest Pass we wish to extend our appreciation for their business, and to extend Hearty Good Wishes throughout the coming year.



Season's Greetings

GOOD health, great happiness and prosperity to all are the wishes we extend in this best Christmas season of many long years.

Nicholas' Dry Goods



MAY instant smile upon you through
your remaining years.

This is the Christmas Wish of

Modern Electric

"For Everything Electrical" Phone 770 Coleman

Best Wishes Once Again

to all and my sincere wish that the coming year bring Peace on Earth and Goodwill toward Men.

IDRIS EVANS

Metropolitan Life Assurance Company
BLAIRMORE PHONE 266

GREETINGS

GOOD health, great happiness and prosperity to all are the wishes we extend to all in this best Christmas season of many long years.

Coleman Café

"The Best Place for Eats"



ROOMS WITH BATH
Hot and Cold Water in Every Room

GRAND UNION COFFEE SHOP
in connection

GRAND UNION HOTEL

L. S. Richards, Manager



GOOD health, great happiness and prosperity to all are the wishes we extend in this best Christmas season of many long years.

The Empire Hotel Joe Misson, Manager

To Our Customers

We wish you a Merry Christmas, right heartily:
Lots of friends to give you greeting;
A season filled with blessings.

HOLYK'S



Christmas Greetings

May Christmas bring you the Season's fullest measure of Good Cheer and Happiness. May you find the New Year a generous one in Health, Wealth and Happiness.

Evan Gushul Studio Coleman, Alberta

Christmas Greetings

Sincere Greetings to all our Customers and Friends.
Wishing Everybody
The Compliments of the Season

Coleman Hardware & Furniture Co.

Good Will to All...

GREAT good cheer, prosperity, health and glad tidings - we wish them all to everyone in this season of peace and goodwill toward all men.

The Fashion Shop J. L. DeLuca, Proprietor



Hearty Season's Greetings

TO you and yours in appreciation of your goodwill, we extend our wishes for—
A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Rudy's Shoe Store



J. M. CHALMERS - Jeweler - Coleman



STAR SHOE & REPAIR STORE

Christmas Message



Christmas tells of the birth of a Child. What Christmas means to us will depend on our answer to the question "WHO WAS THAT CHILD?" There is no question that men can ask more important than this.

Christmas is widely celebrated as a time of good cheer and good will, when kindness and thoughtfulness for others should predominate. This is all to the good. But what of the Child Himself whose day it is?

For Christmas is treated as a children's festival, with Santa Claus and Tree and stocking at the centre. As though the Christmas story of the birth of Christ were a fairy tale, a pretty story for children, but had no meaning or relevance for grownup folk.

These attitudes to Christmas are based on the belief that Christ was a good man who came to help men by his teaching and example so that they would treat one another with kindness and good will. Many today openly or tacitly make this answer to our question.

The Christian keeping of Christmas is based on an answer that goes far beyond this statement.

Christmas commemorates the most stupendous event that ever took place in the world's history. The Child who was born at Bethlehem and lay in Blessed Mary's arms was no mere human child. He was the Son of God "Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made Man." This is not some symbolic statement with a mysterious meaning that only a subtle mind can grasp. As a literal fact of history, we proclaim that the God whom we worship was born on this earth on a certain day in a certain year of a humble Maiden in a little village of Palestine. In that little Child we recognize and worship the God who made us, to whom we belong.

We Christians believe in the love of God. But God's love is not like that of some benevolent millionaire who gives alms generously to the poor, but is himself untouched by the sorrows he sees. The Christmas story is the marvelous drama of how God the Son was not content to remain in Heaven while His children were suffering and struggling on earth. He came down to earth to share His people's life, their poverty, their troubles and temptations, and to save them. God's love is no sentimental benevolence. It has the same character of self-sacrifice that all human love has at its highest, but to a degree that is beyond our minds to grasp. God became Man!

Here is the only basis for human brotherhood. Christians place an infinitely high value on human life and personality. The humblest man or woman has an infinite capacity for good. God showed what human nature is capable of when He united it to Himself at Bethlehem. In the light of that fact differences of race, colour, language, wealth, and social position are completely irrelevant. No Christian who understands what happened at Christmas can ever discriminate against another for these reasons. Christmas teaches brotherhood and good will to all men.

Finally, at Christmas we know that we are not merely commemorating a past event, but a present fact. God has come down into His world. The Child of Bethlehem is alive today, our God and our King. The work that He began at Bethlehem He will not cease from until it is finished. No matter what mess we get our world into, or our own individual lives, nothing is hopeless when God is allowed to take a hand. He will never compel our love and obedience. But those who serve Him know His presence and His power.

Christ comes to all who will be humble and childlike in heart. For God loves to hide Himself where only such can find Him—hidden in the Manger at Bethlehem—in the form of a helpless Babe—hidden in the Blessed Sacrament under the form of bread and wine. The Manger and the Altar—Christmas time are one. May we like the shepherds of old seek and find the Babe of Bethlehem there.

Christmas Message



THE CRISIS OF CHRISTMAS

"It all began in Palestine. The world was heavy with evil. Men were hungry and full of hate. There were tyrants in the seats of power, and millions of hearts were strained with fear. God gave man the answer. It was the gift of an idea. And God wrapped it in the frailest package of the flesh—the heart of a newborn Baby".

So wrote Peter Howard, one of England's outstanding writers, a couple of years ago, concerning the Babe of Bethlehem.

Christ was born at a time of dark crisis. The New Testament has this record: "There went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed" Rome, by means of brute force, had brought the world under military dictatorship. Men's hearts were failing them for fear. People everywhere were crying for a Deliverer. And at this blackest hour of the world's history Christ was born. And, with His coming, hope was born in human hearts.

What did Christ bring to humanity? A new idea which, taking root in human hearts, was destined to change the world. Christ is the greatest Revolutionist the world has ever seen.

He has revolutionized History. Time is dated from Him. The Dean Emeritus of Yale Divinity School says "Here is one who has made His birthday, born though He was in the manger of a stable in an out-of-the-way place, the starting point from which all the leading nations of earth reckon their time."

At Bethlehem He divided the stream of time, allowing one part to flow back into ancient pagan history, and starting the other to flow forward through succeeding Christian ages till "that one far-off Divine event" would be attained, and the Kingdoms of the world would become the Kingdom of our blessed Lord.

Then Christ revolutionized Theology. For the old-time law of Retaliation He substituted the new law into men's minds and wrote it in their hearts. He believed that the political order could not be changed not by a new sword but by a new spirit. Instead of crushing people by force He preached and practised the way of winning them by love. This revolutionary law of love is the world's only hope. It works. Jean Paul Richter says of this Advocate of love, "He has lifted with His pierced hands empires off their hinges and turned the stream of centuries out of its channel, and still governs the ages."

Then His Revolutionary spirit has transformed the individual. Perhaps no one tells that story better than Chas. Dickens in "A Christmas Carol". He pictures old Scrooge a tight-fisted, squeezing, wringing, gasping, covetous old sinner who carried his own low temperature always about with him, iced his office in the dog-days and didn't thaw it one degree at Christmas". But the Christ spirit got entrance into his heart and he became a new man, "as good a friend, as good a Master, and as good a man as the good old City knew or any other good old city, town or borough, in the good old world."

That is the joy that Christ brings at Christmas time to all who will welcome Him. And this joy and gladness is intended for the Ministers of Coleman as well as for the shepherds of Bethlehem.

"Shine, shine, O Light, and warm my heart
As coal doth warm our hands,
I lift my pick; the hard sears part,
And lo, the Master stands
And whispers His Commands.

"Then merrily the shovels ring,
And swiftly loads the car;
We too have heard the angels sing,
Each forehead near and far
Shines with a Christmas star."
—Robert Magowan



HEARTIEST GREETINGS
and sincere Good Wishes for Christmas and the Coming Year to All

The Coleman Hotel M. Lusicich, Proprietor

To the People of Coleman and District we extend
MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

MODERN CAFE

Joe Lombardi, Proprietor



Happy Christmas

and a
Prosperous
New Year

To All
Customers and Friends
ZAK'S
Coleman and Bellevue

With Heartiest Greetings

This greeting's an old, old story,
Taken from an old, old page,
But just like all good stories,
It still improves with age.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

Park's Grocery

Phone 198, Main Street, Coleman

Christmas Greetings

TO you and yours in our community may this
season bring you hearty good cheer.
At this season we desire to thank our patrons for
the assistance they have given us in the successful
pursuit of our business and to assure them that we
shall strive to serve in even more complete ways.

O. CELLI Contractor

A Thought For You...
GREAT good cheer, prosperity, health and glad tidings, we wish them all to you in this season of peace and goodwill toward all men.

The Motordrome Jim Wilkie, Proprietor

WITH HEARTIEST GREETINGS
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LAMEY INSURANCE AGENCIES

FIRE, LIFE, ACCIDENT and AUTOMOBILE

Office in Kubik Block Phone 46, Blairmore



The Scott Fruit Company

Lethbridge, Alberta

"PACKERS OF SCONA BRAND PACKAGED FOODS"
L. W. Moore, Manager - Wm. Ferby, Pass Representative

1948 Board Of Trade Activities Pass In Review; Good Year And Membership Interest High

Coleman Board of Trade has come to the end of another active year, this time under the able chairmanship of Mr. Percy Dickenson. The interest and enthusiasm continues high and much incentive is given an energetic committee to bring about conditions that are advantageous to the citizens of Coleman and the Crows Nest Pass generally.

HON. W. A. FALLOW

One of the highlights in the Board's activities this year occurred in the early part of the year when Hon. W. A. Fallow paid the Pass a visit as the guest of the Board. Mr. Fallow spoke on his highways program as it affected Alberta generally. He did hint that the Pincher Creek-Crows Nest No. 3 highway would be started and that probably work would be started in 1948 but events during the summer proved the re-

verse as no work was done on any section of the highway.

To record various Board activities on film was decided upon early in the year and an appropriation was set aside to have a camera man come and set up to take care of this assignment. That the committee made a marvellous success of their assignment was manifested this Fall when the new Roxy theatre with its 420 seats was unable to accommodate the crowds and two shows had to be held. Further evidence of the popularity of the film is seen in the fact that other Pass towns have used the film to show their interested citizens. More film will be used in 1949.

The Board endeavored without success to have the local afternoon trains handle mail. It was claimed that the small service in the Pass would be speeded up considerably. The Postal Department countered with "cost would be excessive" and since the Department was mainly responsible for the lack of local interest.

Mr. R. G. Lillie of the Central Housing & Mortgage Corporation addressed the Board on the subject and also the interested members of the public who showed how Coleman's acute housing shortage could be alleviated. Despite the Board's follow-up no citizen appeared interested in taking advantage of the borrowing opportunities offered. Cost of construction was mainly responsible for the lack of local interest.

TE. X-RAY CLINIC

The Board was approached regarding a visit to Coleman of the T.B. X-Ray clinic. Since the Lions had sponsored the first visit of the Clinic that club was asked to take over sponsorship. The Board gave its full co-operation and coupled with the good work of the Lions plus co-operation of the citizens Coleman had a most successful clinic.

TOURIST TRADE

The Board gave endorsement to the appeal of the teachers of Alberta to become recruited as civil servants and benefit through the Civil Service Pension Fund. Acknowledgement of the Board's endorsement was received from Premier Manning himself.

Another outstanding speaker who was the guest of the Board was Mr. Frank Jenkins of Eastern Rockies Conservation Board. He gave a resume of the Board's aims. Since his visit the new Forestry Road has already started north of Coleman and will eventually reach Kamloops. He will reach from the latter point running south to Coleman and from there to Watson National Park. It will be a valuable asset to the tourist industry in years to come.

The Red Cross Blood Donor clinic was invited to Coleman and secured the Board's full co-operation. It had a successful full clinic.

NELSON CARAVAN

One of the historical points in the year was the arrival of the "On To Nelson Caravan" which originated in Lethbridge through the Chamber of Commerce. Coleman endorsed the project wholeheartedly and while the caravan was delayed in the spring by floods it finally reached a successful conclusion in September. The caravan has been organized to boost the southern Trans-Canada Highway and will no doubt be a big factor in helping Ottawa decide just where the No. 1 Trans-Canada highway should be located. Board of Trade president Percy Dickenson was honored by the delegation before appointed one of the Alberta directors on the Association, an honor of which the Board is

BORN IN SPRING

Deceased left a will and as this is written on Monday morning no funeral arrangements had been entered into.

BACK IN SPRING

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boulton left Friday on several months' vacation. Their first stop will be at St. Catharines, Ont., where they will visit Mr. Boulton's brother, the two men meeting for the first time in eighteen years. Following Christmas Mrs. Boulton will continue west to Mon. Wash. where she will visit relatives for two or three months. In the meantime Harry will have taken delivery of a 1949 Ford coupe and he will cruise around the Toronto district visiting old friends.

"When will you be back?" Harry asked his wife. "I'll be home when the roses come out," he replied. Mrs. Boulton stated the roses would be in bloom when they returned.

Harry arranged to have The Journal reach him each week in eastern Canada and he will keep track of the whereabouts of the tourist boards in the Press. This will be his first year in a great many that he has failed to be around for bonsips.

Prior to her departure Mrs. Boulton was invited to the social hour of the Past Chief's Club of the Pyrenees Sisters and also to a social hour in her honour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Glendinning.

Miss Belle Flynn, of Calgary, is expected home Christmas eve to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flynn.

LEGION NOTES

The Xmas tournaments are coming to a close. The Dominos were to have been played on a Friday evening, but the evening was off.

Other competitions completed saw Jim Drew win a turkey for himself and family by proving himself the best sharpshooter. Neil Fleming reigns a hero in his own home by winning a turkey on nine-card-don. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson kept her family happy with a turkey won on the free draw.

The wheel is spinning merrily these evenings as the Legion is giving a two pound box of chocolates at ten cents a throw to the holders of lucky numbers.

COLEMAN ELKS' ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE

in the ITALIAN HALL, Coleman

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st

commencing at 9 p.m.

ROYAL CANADIANS ORCHESTRA

DOOR PRIZES—Four Five Dollar Bills

Admission — **Per Person 50c**

Cloak Room Facilities in conjunction with dance

COLEMAN ELKS' ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE

in the ITALIAN HALL, Coleman

Friday, December 24th

commencing at 9 p.m.

ROYAL CANADIANS ORCHESTRA

This is designed as the Premier Dance of the Season

Admission — **Per Person 75c**

Proceeds for Elks' Charities

justly proud.

HISTORICAL BOOKLET

A historical booklet was mooded and a great deal of preliminary work was put into the project. It is to cover the history of the Crows Nest Pass since 1903. However it has been delayed a year in order that high school teacher James Cousins can complete his thesis on the history of the Pass and his work will be incorporated into the book.

RODEO

In the work started in earnest in preparing for the Rodeo. The entire town is mobilized for this one really big annual affair and on Rodeo Day the sun shone bright, the cash customers came in their thousands, the cowboys put on a great show and Coleman held the spotlight all day. The receipts showed the Civic Center Fund benefitting to the tune of approximately \$2,000.

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MAYOR FRANK ABOUSSAY BEREAVED

The death occurred at Wetaskiwin on Sunday of Mrs. A. E. Aboussay, 73, mother of Mayor Frank Aboussay. Deceased had been ill for five weeks.

Mayor Aboussay received word of his mother's passing that morning and left by car on Monday for Wetaskiwin.

Deceased, who had resided for over forty years at Wetaskiwin, was pre-deceased by his husband five years ago.

Edmund Aboussay, university student, will attend his grandmother's funeral and accompany his dad home for the Xmas holidays.

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Paul Kublin Committed Suicide Monday Morning

Found by Mrs. Steve Yagos;
Had Shot Himself With a
.22 Rifle; Leaves Will.

Paul Kublin, 63, Coleman older, was found dead in his neat little house on the crest of Blairmore Road at 7:10 a.m. Monday by Mrs. Steve Yagos, R.C.M.P., aided by Dr. E. Aello, examined the body at approximately 8:45 a.m. and found the deceased surrounded by .22 calibre rifle wound in the face. Dr. Aello estimated that the man had been dead several hours before found.

The body was discovered by Mrs. Steve Yagos, a neighbor, who had been living alone after being widowed by tying his clothes and washing them in the tub. On Sunday she had asked his permission to take his clothes and window curtains over to her home to wash them early the following morning. He had put her off by remarking that she could do it over Monday morning early and get the clothing as he would have everything in readiness for her.

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Miners' Welfare Scheme Ready To

Into Operation; "Burned Out"

Miners To Receive \$60 Monthly

Fifty Eligible In Coleman; Cheques Expected To Be Received Early In New Year; Coleman Has Already Received \$2,500 In Dead Benefits

Union secretary Wm. J. White is busy these days having approximately fifty miners eligible for the Welfare Fund fill out 7 different forms for application to the medical check-ups which they will have to undergo and the two forms which they must fill out in the doctor's presence.

The Welfare Fund is to benefit those burned out miners who have worked in the mines of Alberta or British Columbia 20 years or more. When a miner dies the widow or dependents receive \$250 in death benefits.

It has been hoped that the cheques to those eligible for welfare would have been issued prior to October but this hope has been shattered due to an unavoidable delay. However Secretary White confidently expects that the first cheques should be received early in the New Year.

Those eligible for the benefits are all members of the U.M.W.A. and who are maintaining their membership through the years.

Says Contractor D'Appolonia . . .

I cannot understand the attitude of the town council towards the Italian Society's hall. While it is true that a portion of this building may be old yet we wish to point out that when renovations were made to the town's eyesore in 1934 or 35 by J. S. D'Appolonia that the interior of this building totally discredited and rebuilt with the best known construction methods and the best of materials obtainable at that time. In its design and construction all engineering was applied for safety first, taking into account all possible overloads.

I also wish to point out that on the opening of this hall that there was a capacity crowd of over 500 and that for a number of years afterwards that dances continued without the council giving any thought to the safety of persons occupying the hall.

The hall has two regular exits and a third exit leading to the Alberta government regulations. Due to the possibility of overcrowding two additional exits were provided. These exits were to be used with knotted ropes and at the time of building were proved and accepted by the Town council and the Board of Coleman.

As a member of this organization I am confident that the officials were unaware of the council's attitude towards the hall and that the council has made no effort to show these people where the building or hall is situated or occupied in a manner.

To further prove the membership of this organization spends money every year to take care of any structural

decrements that may in any way depreciate the building.

Further at a special meeting it was placed in my hands to provide the necessary rope for the additional two exits in the event of fire, same were to be installed by M. Montalbant and the latter to have the local fire chief examine knots and rope for the safe exit of persons occupying the hall.

But we did want to point out the advisability of having every precaution taken in respect to fires, panics etc. that could develop into a serious accident of loss of life.

THE COUNCIL

NO ARRANGEMENTS MADE

V.F.T. STATES RUSHTON

St. John Ambulance secretary J. M. Rushton stated on Monday afternoon that no arrangements had been entered into between the Association and the Town council regarding the policing of the area around the hall or how many would be permitted to enter the hall at one time.

A meeting had been held between the fire committee and the Association executive last Wednesday morning but no decisions had been arrived at.

Signed, "BILLS"

To All Children Of Coleman

You are requested to be the guests of the B. P. O. of ELKS at Picture Shows in the Roxy Theatre on

Monday, December 27th

and

Friday, December 31st

Both shows commencing at 2 p.m.

The "Brother Bills" will be in attendance to take care of your comforts. Come along all you kids.

Signed, "BILLS"

No Milk Deliveries

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 25 and 26

or

Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 1 and 2

We ask our customers to please take note that our men will not deliver milk on the above mentioned days, and ask them to govern themselves accordingly.

PASS DAIRY

J. Fauville, Manager

Phone 138m, Bellevue

FOR BETTER PASTRY

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MODEL BAKERY

Henry Vissar, Proprietor, Coleman



"On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men"

OUR CHRISTMAS STORY—

"STRANGE WISDOM"

By Helen Ann Krupka

ELIZABETH MICHAELS leaned back to watch the bright blue star that twinkled at the very top of the Christmas tree. She hated to think about taking it down—stripping the proud tree of the shiny balls, one by one, until it stood bare in the centre of the big room. This year she wished that it might stand there forever, a Christmas night to go on and on.

She crossed the living room and took an envelope from the desk drawer. Swiftly she wrote across the top of it, "Janey, Darling—Merry Christmas—1946."

In the right hand corner of a matching sheet of paper she jotted, "Christmas — 1946", and began to write:

"Dearest Janey:

"Christmas of 1946—you couldn't possibly remember it. It was a strange time—Christians—the fighting almost forgotten by many. Others could never forget."

"We were in the kitchen—you and I—baking Christmas cookies the afternoon the telegram came, 'Janey,' I cried, 'Oh, Janey! Daddy will be home tomorrow. He has a ten-day leave from the hospital!'"

"Hurry!" I urged; "there's so much to do, and everything must be just right." We rushed about, hanging the last piece of tinsel on the tree, and nestling the manger in the cotton snow around it. Then there were big red bows to be hung on the fresh holly wreaths and ...

"Suddenly I stopped. In one leap my happiness was gone and I was afraid. I remembered that you were away, and I knew that if you had come to visit him at the hospital when he returned from overseas—more than a year ago. After that it had always been alone—the doctors advised it."

"Janey," I said, praying for wisdom, to make you understand, "you will have to love daddy very much. He's been very sick and we must try to be very close to him."

"What could I tell you about war—or that particular battle? When it was over John was the only officer left from his company who had survived."

"They sent him back to the States—and peace came. But John couldn't forget war—the noise, the smell of blood—so many things he couldn't forget. He thought about these things—for hours at a time.

"It will take a long time," the doctors said, "a long time—and patience and understanding. He's a little better, but ..." When I saw John I realized they had been optimistic.

"I despaired of ever overcoming John's feeling of insecurity. He wasn't sure of himself—of his worth of anyone or anything in this world. He had been so badly hurt that he had built a defense around himself—and even we who loved him could not break through."

"John was one of the last to leave the train. When I ran toward him and threw myself into his arms he held me, but he seemed so far away,

"Then he saw you, 'Janey,' he said, slowly, but you didn't smile fully, but you did smile.

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FUTURE IS FORETOLD BY DROWSY HENS

Divinations were an important part of the Christmas festivities in Central Russia.

After a special family Christmas dinner, the girls of the household placed five piles of grain upon the kitchen floor; each pile was given a name, such as Hope, Ring, Money, Thread and Charcoal. A drowsy hen was fetched from the henhouse and allowed to walk around the kitchen floor and choose a pile of grain.

Obviously the hen's choice of Money, Ring, Ring, foretold a wedding within a year, and Hope promised the fulfillment of a wish or a long journey. If the sleepy chicken chose the grain designated as Thread, a life of toil was predicted for the marriageable maiden of the household; and Charcoal was considered an omen of death in the family.

Old songs were sung to accompany such goings-on, while the girls and women vied to devise complete stories based on the antics of the hen.

"I'll never forget that ride home. I talked constantly—almost like you do with people whom you don't like—afraid of silence. Both you and John answered direct questions politely—but said no more. And yet—I was glad. I knew how much depended upon a phrase, a careless word, a glance."

"There we were home at last I ached with the small hope that the familiar surroundings might help bring John closer."

"Come, dear," I said, with grim gaiety. "It's time to open your presents—and I'm sure daddy is anxious to see them."

"You sat down on the floor, the stacks of gifts surrounding you. Sitting next to John, I leaned against his shoulder. I could feel his muscles tense and relax."

"Your eyes grew brighter with each new gift—the princess doll with the blonde curly hair and the wide skirts—the bicycle—the skates. You were opening the last package when John smiled and said, 'I have something for you, too.'

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

WINGS AND CHAPS

"An Act Of Stealing
Your Own Cattle."

HAZEL looked up with sudden fear at a plane? In this region she thrilled at the marvelous picture it made—skimming over the rugged, deep-hued Sierra Madres. It was coming toward her. In a minute it was dipping between those sturdy old points, Tom and Ben.

It added a distinctly new note to the whole affair. Even with that well-earned self-possession and composure of hers a foreboding chill went over her. Did this mean—?

The plane circled now, as if for a landing. If it did land it must be so on this mesa. Yet it was touching earth. The wheels bounced lightly and then rolled gracefully over the taut ground. It taxied toward her, a white-chapped figure on the horse that snorted nervously at this agile, hitherto unseen monster.

Never moving her eyes she watched the person who limped lightly from the cockpit. Her premonition had been right. It was Elaine, her neighbor on the ranch just across the river.

"Good day," he greeted with exaggerated politeness. She flushed as she caught the subtle note in it. Was he mocking her? As he had other times?

"Good day," she returned, just as polite. "So you are an aviator—if nothing else?"

"Yes ... Even if I do seem such a ridiculous greenhorn as a rancher to you ... You see, I had my plane shipped here to me as soon as I saw that I was going to like the scenery so well."

"I stopped again," New Mexico is far-famed for its scenery," she snapped. Mentally she was asking just why she had been so disinclined to him ever since he had come, when she didn't at all feel that way. Not for the world now would she let him see this. Yet, she had always felt a certain contempt for what she considered his tenderfoot ways. And when he had offered to help locate her cattle that were being systematically rustled—it was ridiculous. Why, not even the sheriff could find them.

"I see that you were out before daybreak this morning," he said.

She leaped at him with a start. "What of it; I'm often up early." She examined him with a new interest. "And how did you happen to see me?"

"I was standing beside a cottonwood at the stream when you let your horse ride. I suppose you never noticed me. But I recognized your white goat-skin chaps. I wager there isn't a pair like them in the next five counties. They are most becoming."

She whirled her horse. "Save your compliments," she flung back at him,

Fashions



SELECTED

RECIPES

CHEESE CUSTARD

4 slices buttered bread
1 pound grated cheese
3 eggs
1½ cups milk
½ teaspoon salt

Few grains pepper

Butter baking dish. Cut the bread in cubes. Place the bread and the cheese in the dish in layers. Finish with a layer of bread crumbs, butter side up. Beat the eggs slightly, add the milk and salt. Pour the mixture over the bread and cheese. Set the baking dish in a pan of hot water. Bake in moderate oven (350 deg. F.) until custard is firm in center, or about 45 minutes in all.

HONEY SAUCE

2 tablespoons butter

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1 cup cold water

Melt butter and blend with cornstarch; add honey and water and cook until it thickens.

Serve as hot sauce for pudding or ice cream.

NO BUTTER SHORTAGE SEEN FOR PRAIRIES

REGINA — There won't be any butter shortage on the prairies in the immediate future. George Laveridge of Great Falls, president of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creamery Association, said recently.

"We live in a surplus-producing area in the prairie provinces," he said, and shortages should not affect this area even if they were felt in eastern Canada and on the west coast."

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By John Thomas Kieran

and dug her heels into her horse's flanks. He watched her for the briefest time. Then he drew a revolver and deliberately fired. She pulled up her horse so short that only expert ability in the saddle kept her in it. Angry she wheeled it on its hind feet and the mount made a lunge back toward him. Her gun leaped into her hand.

"What do you mean?"

"Sorry! But I was afraid I could not attract your attention any other way ... I have something very important to tell you."

"You! Something important to tell me?"

"Just the same" imperturbably, "I have."

"Well, what is it?"

He glanced at her closely, walking his hand into the bridle. "Won't you tell me why you were out so early this morning?" he asked gently.

Something hot stung her eye, but she flamed out: "What business is that of yours?"

"Because I've found out something. Has any new development occurred?"

She bit her lip. "Well, yes, if you must know ... Twenty-eight more steer disappeared last night."

"I thought so!"

"You thought so! What do you mean? Were you ... ?"

"Connected with the disappearance? No? But I know where they are."

Her face went white. "What?"

"And also where the rest of the cattle rustled from the Double X 8 ranch are cached."

"How could you find that out? Everyone around has tried."

"With Caesar, my plan ... There is a certain wild brother in the Sierra Madres ... off the beaten trail, yet not so distant, a practically walled-in oasis in a cataclysmal area of peak and rock. Grass grows in it, there's a stream there, and also all the cattle ever stolen from Double X 8. And I know you'd be interested."

"You—have no clues?"

His face was a enigma. "I landed, risking my neck. There is a trail in and out, of course, hidden only to the person who drove the cattle there. I don't even look at it. But I did find them. He took a wisp of hair from his pocket. "I found it on a bush, torn from a chap. It's white goat hair!"

Her face went white. "You—?"

"Yes, Hazel. You are now owner of Double X 8. Why have you been stealing your own cattle?"

Suddenly her head fell. "When Dad died so suddenly he had no time to get his affairs in shape. I knew he was going to sell the ranch because he told me so the day he did it. But now the Development Company is going to foreclose the mortgage they say he had on it ... And I can't find a scrap of receipt or anything to show he paid it!"

"And so you have been rustling your own cattle to save that much from the wreck, eh?"

"And why not?" she flamed. They're mine, by rights."

He laughed at her, quizzically. "A dancin' in deep distress. And yet

you spurned the written offer of my expert legal aid."

"You, a greenhorn," she sputtered.

"And so self-assured. Why just let me tell you I can take care of—"

"Yourself? Oh, no, you can't. And from now on I'm going to do it. You need it. For instance," he grinned, "remember that tempestuous note of refusal you wrote me on the back of an old envelope? It was your father's receipt?"

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Prize Fur-Bearing Animals Shown At Breeders' Show



Grand sweepstakes champion fox at the Alberta Fur Breeders' show, a platinum, shown by J. S. Thompson, Midnapore, Alta.



L. R. French, Browness, Alberta, swept four of six championships and took both the grand and reserve in the Silverblu mink with this pair at the 11th annual fur breeders' show in Calgary.



Estimated at \$7,500, the rare and unique Sapphire mink were shown at Calgary by L. H. Gorham, Edmonton. There are about 30 of this type of Sapphires in existence.

Calgary Stockyards Set All-Time Record

CALGARY — The first 10 months of 1948, 196,460 head of cattle and 21,687 calves have been handled by the Calgary stockyards, an increase of more than 47,000 over the corresponding 1947 period, market day breaking all existing records here.

Calgary's 10-month figure is also the highest among all ranks and third highest among all livestock centers of the Dominion.

WORLD'S MOTOR LAWS

One hundred and one nations require that motor vehicles be driven on the right side of the street, while 85 enforce a left-hand rule, according to a review of the world's motor laws.

PEGGY

"YOUR MOTHER HAS BEEN A VERY SICK WOMAN, PEGGY, BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY..."

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"YOU DON'T GIVE THEM TO HER, TAKE THEM YOURSELF!"

Probably First Of Its Kind Shot In Saskatchewan



According to Roger Fournier, Connell Creek, Sask., this is probably the first cougar ever shot in Saskatchewan. It was caught in a trap in the hills of the Pasqua Forest last February and finally shot by Joseph Fournier. The beast weighed 150 pounds and measured seven feet long. It was sent to the provincial museum at Regina.

Pick President Truman's Election As Biggest News Story Of 1948

NEW YORK — President Truman's election was the biggest news story of 1948 in the opinion of editors around the world. It appeared as one of the year's "ten biggest" on lists from every section of the world in the United Press' annual survey of newsworthy events. It led many foreign lists. The struggle at Berlin and other developments in the European cold war also rated high on all lists.

United Press executives in New York chose the year's ten biggest stories from the standpoint of Americans. Their unanimous choice for first place was Mr. Truman's victory over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. This list follows:

1. Election of President Truman.
2. The Berlin airlift and the cold war in Europe.
3. The high cost of living.
4. Mrs. Kasenkin's escape from the Russian consulate.
5. Gandhi's assassination.
6. The Korean War.
7. The Chinese Civil War.
8. U.S. spy investigations.
9. The founding of Israel and Bernadotte's assassination.
10. Princess Elizabeth's baby.

The UP's assistant editors of Tass, the Russian news agency, and of the Moscow newspapers Pravda and Izvestia, to choose the 10 biggest stories. They replied that they were too busy. However, judging from the display in the Soviet press, the Russians considered the following the 10 biggest stories:

1. and 2. (tied) President Truman's election and the illness of King George, which caused cancellation of the Royal tour of Australia.
3. 4. 5. 6. (tied) Princess Elizabeth's baby; Bernadotte's assassination; death of Gandhi and India's independence; Berlin airlift and the cold war in Europe.
7. 8. 9. 10. (tied) the Chinese Civil War; the Kasenkin case; Gen. Smuts' defeat in South African election; the struggle for Palestine.

Newspaper editors in western Europe chose the following:

1. The Berlin airlift and the cold war in Europe.
2. Election of President Truman.
3. The Communist coup in Czechoslovakia.
4. Organization of the union of western powers.
5. The rift between Tito and the Cominform.
6. Assassination of Gandhi.
7. Assassination of Bernadotte.
8. The struggle for Palestine and the founding of Israel.
9. The Italian elections.
10. The Chinese Civil War.

Western Briefs

Prairies Blamed For B.C. Crimes

MOOSE JAW — J. C. Stephen Moose Jaw radio inspector, announced that an amateur radiophone network has been formed in Saskatchewan by over 25 licensed amateur stations with outposts situated at various places in the province.

GRAND PRÉRIE, Alta. — Hunting dogs and yellow from a potted plant in the window of a cafe in Peace River district municipality are two large lessons. What's more, a number of others are on their way to maturity.

ASHCROFT, B.C. — A new type of cowboy who rounds up cattle by airplane is appearing on interior British Columbia ranges. Ranchers say the air system is coming into general use, ousting the horsemen in chaps and 10-gallon hats.

EDMONTON — More than 2,600 new telephones were installed in Edmonton this year. There are now 28,686 telephones in service in the city, compared with 25,509 a year ago.

SIFTON, Man. — Cowboys are on the increase in this district and have carried off thousands of dollars worth of timber and other property.

J. Langford reports the loss of 180 turkeys. Stanley Safronoff and Paul Medvihodchuk each lost 40. Walter Chevonne lost 10 and Johnny Fedoruk lost 18 in one day. Steve Matwieshen lost 150 chickens, while Andrew Bovalchuk and Jack Safronoff lost a large number of fowl.

Most of them are broke when they arrive," he said. "And that's where all the trouble starts."

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NOTES AND COMMENTS**Christmas**

The happy greeting of "MERRY CHRISTMAS" will soon be heard in our midst for again that season of thanksgiving and festivity is with us. Churches are making ready their Christmas services in tribute to the Christ Child and many will throng their way into these places of worship to give thanksgiving for spiritual and material blessings.

This will be a white Christmas and the happy atmosphere of brightly colored lights shining in windows in store and home gives one a warm and happy feeling as he walks home. Occasionally a radio can be heard and the old familiar Christmas carols ring out with gusto. The Christmas trees with their sparkling lights, and trimmings and the gifts which are piled one on top of the other beneath the tree tell their own story as excited children dance around wondering in wide eyed excitement and curiosity at what Santa might bring them.

It is the time of year when son and daughter who reside in other cities and towns make a determined effort to come home and spend Christmas with their own family members. The exchange of happy greetings and gifts to loved ones.

It is the season of the year when man's petty differences are pushed into the background and there is "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All Men."

Discrimination?

Are Coleman telephone subscribers being discriminated against? Alberta Government telephones say no, Coleman subscribers say definitely yes.

The controversy arose a few weeks ago when local subscribers were notified that monthly invoices paid by cheques other than those of the Royal bank would be assessed exchange. This means that telephone subscribers in all Pass towns with the exception of Coleman are exchange free since Royal bank branches are located in Blairmore and Bellevue while Coleman subscribers, with a Bank of Commerce branch, are assessed the exchange.

The ill feeling towards this new "penalty" arises from an order emanating from Lethbridge that the Alberta Government Telephones would no longer pay exchange on cheques and that henceforth the subscriber would be assessed the exchange. The exchange has always been absorbed by the Alberta Telephones but apparently someone had a brainwave that additional revenue could be secured in the Pass by the saving of a few miserable dollars in exchange so the order was given and the Pass exchange had no alternative but to put it into effect.

The Journal secured the information from the Pass Telephone Exchange that the new rule on cheque exchange was not discriminatory as this district was the only district in the province which had for so long escaped the adding of exchange to cheques. It was stated that the exchange was only slight, being ten cents on a moderate cheque.

The Journal has for many years tried to weld the Crows Nest Pass into one community which would be to the benefit of all. All right thinking and progressive citizens share that belief. Here, once again, we have an outsider from the government issue an order which tends to destroy the unity which progressive citizens are trying to build up.

Coleman subscribers oppose this new penalty and we suggest that in the interests of unity the Board of Trade and the Town Council combine to try and eradicate an ill-advised decision on the part of some civil servant.

Beware of Fire!

As in the past at this time of year, already the press and radio are reporting tragedies caused by fire.

Sub-zero temperatures mean heavy firing to maintain warmth in homes which in turn increase the fire hazard. Let Coleman keep free of tragedy caused by fire by all parents being particularly careful during this period of the year.

Xmas and New Year sees many dances. Among those who attend these dances are some who, through too much imbibing of that well known Scottish export, are not in full control of their senses and as a result are careless with cigarette butt and match. Let us all be particularly careful of fire as the year comes to a close . . . we had a big enough fire last February to last us for many years to come.

"30"

Ever been associated with a job in which you have spent seventeen hard working yet happy years and then find yourself leaving it to follow another vocation? We have and on December 31 we will say good-bye to the newspaper business and hello to a brand new municipal hospital here in the Crows Nest Pass which we will help run in our position as secretary-manager.

We believe we have made a fair success of The Journal during our seven years in the editorial chair. It was in 1931 that former owner and publisher H. T. Halliwell took us into the office as a raw recruit and gave us our basic training. He and practical experience taught us all we know about the newspaper game.

The weekly newspaper demands long hours of hard

work and in return gives the young newspaperman who follows its rigorous course a life of fairly constant excitement. It shows him life, its happiness, its tragedy, its good men, its bad men. In the newspaper game community life plays a large factor for the paper is the voice of the community. It reflects the community's aggressiveness or backwardness. A newspaper that is stagnant we know that Coleman possesses a hardworking group of progressive citizens and we hope The Journal has kept abreast of their activities.

Before we write "30" to our newspaper career we desire to thank many who have helped us manage a fairly successful business. We thank the businessmen for their continued advertising and printing support; to the coal companies for their patronage and encouragement through the years; to the readers themselves who today have resulted in The Journal printing more copies each week than at any time in its history, to local organizations.

We particularly wish to thank the Lethbridge Herald, which we believe is among the truest friends the weeklies of southern Alberta have. We thank the publisher Senator Buchanan, manager Harold Long and particularly news editor Frank Steele for their support throughout the years. Never have we been refused a favor from the Herald when we have asked it and their co-operation will always remain in our memory.

**MRS. EMMY ROGERS
CELEBRATES 84th
BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY**

Tuesday, December 14, marked another milestone along the road of life to Mrs. Emmy Rogers, who in the presence of family members celebrated her eighth fourth birthday anniversary.

The auspicious occasion was celebrated at the home of her son, John, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Hoggarth, and was attended by the honored guests two sons, Chris and Jack, and their families, by grandchildren and great-grandchildren in addition to a few lifelong family friends.

Mrs. Rogers was the recipient of many wishes for "Many Happy Returns of the Day" in addition to a bouquet of flowers and several small gifts.

A pleasant social evening was enjoyed by the younger members of the family making the most of the family get-together.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Muriel Naylor, of Calgary, and sister, Miss Joan, of Lethbridge, are expected home on Christmas Eve to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Naylor.

The Misses Della and Anna MacQuarrie, sisters-in-training at the Medicine Hat hospital, have been spending a few days holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacQuarrie.

The Journal welcomes among its new readers Miss Long, widow of Nov. W. Williams, Mr. G. and Mrs. Steve Lanquist. The Journal acknowledges with thanks re-newal subscription for Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Davies, of Vancouver.

Mr. Louie Vasek who has been under medical treatment at Calgary practically all year will be home to spend Xmas with his family and leave early in the New Year for further treatment at Calgary.

Mr. Joe DeLuca arrived home last week from the Belcher hospital where he had been a patient for many months. He is now home for good and this Christmas for Mr. and Mrs. DeLuca and baby is bound to be a happy one.

Mr. D. B. Young, of Cadomin, is spending the holiday season with his mother, Mrs. J. Burrell. Mr. Young hopes to join his wife here for Christmas but failing that will definitely be here to enjoy the holidays.

Mrs. J. C. Richards was hostess to the Past Chiefs club of the Pythian Sisters at the Grand Union hotel on Thursday evening. Following the business session cards were played. Winner was Mrs. Mary Balloch. The Mystery box was won by Mrs. Davies, of Vancouver.

Mrs. Jack Robinson and young daughter of Calgary arrived home on Tuesday morning to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Beveridge. Mr. Robinson and Mr. William Milley, university student, will arrive here tomorrow or Friday.

Peter Bakal, Teddy Kryczka, Joe Badzioch, Ken Short, Ernie Bell, Vince Hubert, Isobel Ewing and Elaine MacLean, university students, arrived home from Edmonton during this week. George Dillett of the University of B.C., arrived home on Sunday for the Xmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hanrahan will have their Xmas Day guests the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fischer of Spruce Grove. The latter couple will leave the following day on a vacation of several weeks to be spent at Vancouver where they will visit their daughter Helen and her husband.

RIDOUT—To Freda (nee Antrobus), wife of Godfrey Ridout, at the Wellesley Hospital, Dec. 14, 1948, a daughter.

Miss Verna Planté, of Shaughnessy, will arrive home Christmas Eve to spend the festive season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Planté.

The physician and the public must be constantly impressed to respect and treat tuberculosis as a highly contagious disease—American Journal of Public Health.

Mr. Mary Anderson and young son of Lethbridge, arrived here on Sunday afternoon to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison.

Fred Androsak, of Sentinel Motors, is taking a course in automobile mechanics at Calgary.

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IT IS A TIME when we are sometimes called upon to drive on icy streets and highways. Let us drive with the maximum of care. Smashed fenders cost money; a small crumpled form underneath our wheels will cause lifelong sorrow both to ourselves and the family torn by the tragedy.

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We have sent an Easter parcel. The money (\$10.00) for this parcel was given to us by Mrs. E. V. Wood, a former matron of the local hospital. We sold five hundred calendars and we thank bank manager F. R. Duncanson for permission to sell these calendars at the bank. We helped at the Blood Clinic by assisting the nurses to load and unload the van, the girls washed the dishes and the boys helped to serve lime juice. Our members polished and put new shoe strings in shoes which were sent to England. Magazines were shipped to the Keith Sanatorium and to the Belcher hospital. Thirty dozen eggs were sent to the Crippled Children's Hospital at Easter. A parcel of clothes was sent to England. We sold fourteen magazines each month last year and this coming year we will be selling thirty-two.

The officers are:
President, Jules Kapalka; vice-president, Irene Hatalick; secretary, Steve Dzurek; treasurer, Alice Gubernot; circulation manager, Arlene Erickson.

Our president, Julius Kapalka, was privileged indeed to lay a wreath on Coleman's Cenotaph, to honor the women and men of the navy, the army and the air force,

who were former pupils of Cameron school. This wreath was made by grade one.

We sent a book relating to Alberta to Australia.

The Children's Hospital, Calgary, is partly built and Cameron Junior Red Cross is to be permitted to furnish a ward which will be known as the Cameron Ward.

Mrs. Dzurek made us a fine Christmas cake which we are placing in our Christmas parcel.

We thank everybody who have helped us with our work.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to everybody in Coleman from the CAMERON SCHOOL JUNIOR RED CROSS MEMBERS.

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Santa Claus Parties

On Tuesday evening of last week Coleman lodge of the Order of the Royal Purple held their annual Christmas party in the I.O.O.F. hall. Approximately 125 youngsters were present with their mothers and each were given a bag of candy along with their gifts which were distributed by good old Santa Claus.

An impromptu program was arranged by calling upon numerous youngsters to give songs, recitations, vocal and musical selections, and each act was thoroughly enjoyed. Games were also played, and the evening was a complete success.

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On Wednesday, Dec. 13 in the I.O.O.F. hall, the Pythian Sisters and Knights of Pythias en-

tertained the children at a Christmas tree party and concert. They all sat down to a lovely supper of sandwiches, cake, cookies and pop. Games and singing were enjoyed until the arrival of Santa who gave each boy and girl a gift from the tree and an apple and orange. After Santa had left, the children enjoyed ice cream cones and opened their presents to show each other they had a wonderful time.

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A handicap in the tuberculosis-prevention program is the prevailing thought that the disease is nearly out. Any disease that is the first cause of death in Canada (excepting accidents) between the ages of 5 and 30 years, and which kills one out of every four persons dying in that age group 15-30 years, is not yet under control. G. C. Brink, M.D.

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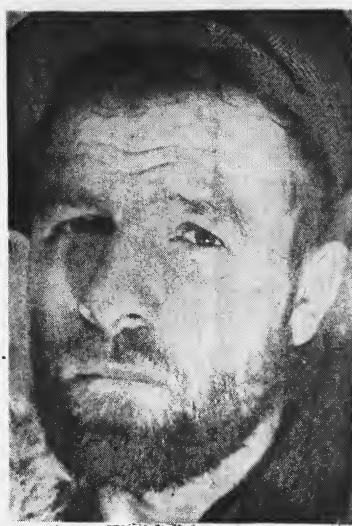
It is our hope that the patronage we have enjoyed during the past year has been justified by the service we have rendered and that our service may be improved to warrant your continued goodwill through the years to come. To all

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Friendly Store
S. DeKLEYN, Proprietor



Huffman's Barber Shop & Beauty Parlor



Picture Courtesy Vancouver Province
MICHAEL CZECH . . . Will he try a second time to locate the cabin and the fabulous northern mine?

He told me all about the cold,
And the things which he had seen,
Of the hills all grey and blue and gold,
With the flowers all jeweled in green.
From Song of a Yukon Poet

By A. C. HINTON

Michael Czech is Canadian of Polish descent born at Coleman, Alberta, some 34 years ago. He is a hardy, hardworking man with the making of an explorer in him.

Mike came to Whitehorse in 1943 and in the June of that year, accompanied by an older man named Ole Johnson, who had done a lot of prospecting in the Yukon, made preparations to prospect and explore the country southwest of the Saint Elias Mountains about 120 miles northwest of the Haines Road, and some 240 miles from Whitehorse.

Mike's interest in this country had been aroused by stories told by old sourdoughs about a miner, who around 1902 had left his cabin to go to Seattle, to try and interest mining capital there in a gold mine, samples of which assayed \$1,370 to the ton.

Eighteen men had accompanied this old miner from Seattle to Juneau where they crossed the glaciers to Haines and thence penetrated a country which seemed to swallow them up, for only one man returned to tell the tale. That tale was of wild animals of enormous size, of a country which was utterly impenetrable from tangles of brush and undergrowth, and of the lack of trails.

The party from Seattle had brought with them some mining supplies and a plank which they used to cross the fissures in the glaciers. This plank and supplies Mike found cached in the wilderness of the Lost World. Some years afterwards Mike heard that four skeletons had been found on a hillside where apparently the men had met their death from wild animals.

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Ole, being older carried a lighter pack, while a dog carried the small tent and the sleeping bags.

Dogs in the Yukon are packed similarly to horses, except that instead of ropes being used to secure the pack bags, lamp wick about an inch wide is used. This is passed, first of all, across the dog's chest down his sides to the tail where the wick goes under its legs then is crossed under the belly and brought to tie over the packs.

Mike had mapped out a route from directions given by a prospector who had been on the fringe of this wilderness.

From Mile Post 125 where a roadhouse is operated by B. Beloud on the Haines Road, Mike and his companion began their trek into this Lost World.

Their first signpost was Mush Lake over which they had to transport their supplies. Apparently the party from Seattle in 1902 had built a boat of plywood, for it was on this flimsy craft that Mike, Ole and the dog sailed across the Lake, then around it, down the Bates River into the tangle of wilderness which is the gateway to this Lost World.

The going after leaving Bates

River was rough. Sometimes over four hours were spent in traveling half a mile. Their way had to be hacked through alder brush. The hills were precipitous with many gullies and draws whose sides were steeper than the hills, and over which it was impossible to pass. Often they had to climb up 3,000 feet to cross an obstacle in the creek bed along which they were traveling.

Walking along the precipitous hills was hard and dangerous, while climbing up the hill often Mike's feet would be directly above Ole's head. A deep chasm-like gully would make their descend to the creek bed again, and invariably they ascended and descended a hill as many as ten times a day to make six miles penetration into the Lost World.

Mike noticed that nearly all the creeks and some of the lakes were full of salmon. The water falls of the Alsek River prevented the fish from coming up the creeks which ran off the mountain.

After some 10 to 11 days of such travel, or when they were into this vast tangled tree and brush about 60 miles, bears became frequent.

They had to be extremely wary to find out about the human beings who had invaded their domain.

"I was so thunderstruck with the enormous size of these bears," said Mike, "that I was afraid to shoot at them with my 30-30. One bear was so large it was as tall as came out of the older brush, looked so enormous that I really felt my rifle to be only a pop-gun."

This Lost World is full of bears; grizzly, silvertip and blacktails.

The Kodikin is the largest bear in existence. It grows to a height of about fourteen feet, and weighs in the neighborhood of a ton.

During the time that Mike and Ole were here they were aware of wild things the bears appeared to be interested in, which led Mike to believe that few if any human beings had ever penetrated into the depths of the underbrush.

They spent 27 days on this trip looking across the valleys from the side of hills and mountains it seemed that the wooded slopes of the other sides were even more barren and desolate. At a distance everything appeared smooth. It was only when one tried to walk that the difficulty of penetrating the brush became apparent.

There is a hard kind of spruce on the hill-sides which is very hard to chop with even a sharp axe. Mike did not know the name of the timber, but he recognized the spruce species. There was no lumber houses on the hills. Game was not much in evidence other than the bears. Mike and his friend killed porcupines and gophers for meat, and after a preliminary taste both can be followed—if one is hungry enough.

Mike never found the old miner's cabin, nor his mine, but he discovered a country hitherto unexplored with a rugged magnificence which simply thrills the soul of the explorer.

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and a
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While Christmas this year will not have the same happy spirit of past years to us it nevertheless does not detract from our mutual wish that all our friends have a Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year. We particularly wish happiness to those friends who have been so good to us this past year.

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DECEMBER 21
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Tuesday, December 21, is usually considered the day having the fewest hours of daylight. After that date evenings will start to lengthen out and within a few short weeks daylight will become noticeably longer.

Hospital Notes

Judy Ann Valin was admitted to hospital as a patient on Sunday, Dec. 19.

Mr. Ferdinando Fabro was admitted to hospital on Friday, Dec. 17.

Mrs. Maurice Cooke was allowed home after several weeks in the local hospital.

CATHOLIC GIRL NOTES

Catholic Girls' club had a delightful Christmas party on Tuesday evening, each girl receiving a small gift from Santa.

The draw was made for the turkey supper or \$10 cash. The draw was made by Sharon McDonald and the lucky ticket holder was Mrs. E. C. Price.

Pay Day Bank Hours

The Bank of Commerce will open on pay day, Dec. 24, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 5

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to the doctors and nursing staff for their kind attention and consideration while a patient in their care, to those friends who visited me or who enquired regarding me, to those who sent me gifts of confectionery and flowers and to those who sent cards.

Mrs. E. Lonsbury

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The Other Christmas

Christmas—a time of candle-light flickering on happy faces, a time of carols and

good cheer, of brightly-wrapped gifts and tinselled trees.

And deep within us all is still another Christmas, the Christmas guiding our every day—

a Christmas born for us of a tolerance and understanding that goes beyond words;

born for us so that men may live in harmony, with purpose to their lives and benevolence

in their hearts... This is the other Christmas, the spiritual Christmas.

Increase In Immigration

THE FLOW OF IMMIGRATION which started in 1945 has increased steadily, and since that time 254,000 new citizens have come to make their homes in Canada. These people have for the most part come from displaced persons camps in Europe or from the United Kingdom. From the beginning, shipping has been a determining factor in governing the number of immigrants which have arrived each year. During the period immediately following the war there was a shortage of ships, and many of those which were available were needed for bringing home service personnel and their dependents. The scarcity of shipping, however, has gradually become less acute, as more accommodation has been made available, the flow of immigration has steadily increased.

About Half Are From Britain March, 1946, 31,000 immigrants and displaced persons arrived in Canada. During the following year, 67,000 came into the country and in the year ending in March, 1948, 79,000 arrived. Since March, 1948, it is estimated that about 77,000 more have been admitted. Of all these about half are from the United Kingdom. Since the war the total number coming from Great Britain is given as 134,000 and these people constitute the largest single group of immigrants to enter Canada during that time. In the year following the war, 20,000 British immigrants were received here. In the following year, the figure rose to 47,000, and between March, 1947, and the same month in 1948, 45,000 arrived. Since that time, a further 22,000 from the British Isles have migrated to this country.

No Decrease Is Indicated The reason for the slight falling off in the number from the United Kingdom is attributed by officials of the Department of Immigration to the urgency of the need to settle displaced persons as quickly as possible.

There are still many people in Britain who are anxious to come to Canada to live and there is now no indication that there will be any marked decrease in immigration to this country for many years to come. There has always been a strong tendency for the people of Europe to look to this continent when they wish to seek new homes. At the present time the United States has in force strict quota regulations, so that the number who can enter that country is limited. For this reason there are a great many people in Europe and in the United Kingdom who are now looking to Canada, if they have the qualification required for them to settle here. If world conditions do not change it is expected that 100,000 new Canadians will arrive during the coming year. In opening her doors to these people Canada is making a fine contribution towards solving a great human problem but she is also acquiring many new citizens who will without doubt in their turn contribute much to the building of this nation.

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FUNNY And OTHERWISE

"I want to ask you something for confidence," began Jones, as Smith and he lingered at the bar. "Right? What is it?"

"Well, Bartley wants to borrow ten dollars from me. Is he good for that amount?"

"Yes, with proper securities." "What do you suggest?" asked Jones.

"A strong chain and padlock, a pair of handcuffs and a watchdog."

Son: "Daddy, what are bill collectors?"

Father: "A bill collector, my son, is a man who combines business with pleasure."

Smith is a young lawyer, clever in many respects, but very forgetful. He had been sent to interview an important client, when the head of his firm received this telegram: "Have forgotten name of client. Please wire at once."

The reply was a masterpiece of sarcasm. It ran: "Client's name Jenkins. Your name Smith."

Mrs. Timkin: "I suppose you've had lots of new dishes since your chef arrived?"

Mrs. Shirk: "Yes, almost a complete diet menu."

An official with a very annoying manner was making an inspection of an aerodrome.

On this particular afternoon parachute practice was being undertaken by a number of pilots, and the official asked question after question of one man about his experiences and sensations while falling through the air.

"But supposing your parachute fails to open while you are coming down?" he asked finally.

"What do you then?"

The pilot had more than enough by this time. "Take it back and change it," he replied.

Sandy happened upon a fellow-Scot lying in the road after a motor crash. "Did you see me?" he asked. "No, sir. Well, I'm insured, too. Wait, you might if I lay down."

"Mother, shall I have a little sister one day?" "Why?" "Well, it gets rather a bore teasing the cat."

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Client: "Exactly. Get me out of it."

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Ducks Unlimited Plan New Prairie Nesting Projects

WINNIPEG.—In 1949, Ducks Unlimited incorporated will construct 25 to 30 nesting projects in the prairie provinces. This is the first major wildfowl conservation programme according to Arthur M. Bartley, New York, executive director.

Mr. Bartley spent six days in Winnipeg conferring with officials of Ducks Unlimited (Canada).

The proposed projects will be distributed across the prairie nesting grounds, Mr. Bartley said.

For the 1949 projects, Mr. Bartley expects a budget upwards of \$300,000 to be approved at a meeting of trustees in March. During two years of conservation activity, Ducks Unlimited has spent \$2,000,000 in Canada.

By spring, 20 projects will be in operation as a result of Ducks Unlimited's 1948 programme. Mr. Bartley states. With these, the number of projects in the prairies will total 200. The cost of these projects, covering from 1,000 to 15,000 acres, ranges from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Fights this fall on all North American flyways—the Atlantic, Mississippi, central and Rocky mountain—indicated satisfactory duck production, Mr. Bartley remarked.

In 1938, when the work of Ducks Unlimited was inaugurated in Canada, two-thirds of the prairie breeding grounds had been destroyed, Mr. Bartley said. The advancing agricultural frontier pushed the breeding areas northward and drainage of land and drouth further imperilled wildfowl.

Ducks Unlimited undertook to provide wildfowl with marshes and ponds in which to breed, safety, and proper food. Mr. Bartley pointed out,

Lord Nuffield Gives Million For Surgeons

LONDON.—Lord Nuffield, motor magnate and philanthropist, has given £250,000 (\$1,000,000) to help young surgeons, particularly from the dominions, the United States and other countries, coming to Britain for advanced studies; it was announced.

The gift, made to the Royal College of Surgeons for the promotion of research and education in the surgical sciences, will be used to build a Nuffield College of Surgical Sciences attached to the Royal College.

Young surgeons studying here will be able to live in the new college and meet leading British surgeons and distinguished surgical teachers from abroad.

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Practising With Barbara Ann Scott In Chill Grey Light of Early Morn

By JEAN LOVE GALLOWAY
Written Specially for Central Press
Canadian

OTTAWA.—Barbara Ann Scott, world figure skating champion, leaped into the glaring flood lights of New York's famous Roxy ice stage Dec. 5. Described as "Talent-o-Ton and Terrible," Barbara Ann went to the U.S. as Canada's best-loved ambassador, who has skated into the hearts of the world.

This is the first time Barbara Ann has received a salary cheque. It is reported to be something like \$50,000, a good proportion of which the champion is donating to underprivileged children.

I dropped in at the Minto Skating Rink here just before Barbara Ann left for New York and found the Queen of the Blades hard at work on the ice. There was no glamor about it there in the chill grey light of early morning, the rink barren of spectators and lights. There was no symphony orchestra, no scintillating costumes. There was star, at work.

Great artists all have their place. Most of their time is spent behind the footlights in an exacting routine that calls for concentration, courage and patience. Barbara Ann does her spins and turns over and over again until absolute perfection is attained. Two hours of concentrated drill that go into these little bows alone would amaze you. For no matter how skillful the performance, its finale must be dramatic and personal.

When I watched her at practice Barbara Ann was wearing a canary yellow skating outfit with a light green pullover sweater. On her head was a tight-fitting yellow knitted bonnet tied snugly under the chin. And she wore matching knitted wool gloves.

In a small sound box at one end of the Minto rink a pianist fingered out snatches from Little Dutch Mill and Tip Toe Through the Tulips. Barbara Ann pulled down wool over his head and a rainbow coat over a heavy sweater. Rink cold plates to play piano.

Barbara Ann puts in her first hour without a coach. There was a caretaker sweeping up under the benches. And there were two young skaters beside her ye?

taking lessons at the other end of the ice. Otherwise, the whole place was deserted as deserted as Baffin Land Brrrrr.

"Will you give me that ending again, please?" Every few minutes Barbara Ann would stop and skate over to the sound box. Then she



Barbara Ann Scott, (above), who is appearing at a New York theatre during the holiday season.

would try another spin. Not satisfied, she would call for the music again. They would keep it up until Barbara Ann decided it was perfect.

She has one number calling for a large white fan which she wafts in motions of such faultless grace that even a swan would be envious. This number needs symphony music and her pianist produces it at a nod of the head.

Having completed part of her routine for the morning, the young skating star sought me out in the gallery. She seemed happy that some-

body had come to watch her. She bought me a cup of tea and we talked about New York.

She explained that in New York she would have to skate on small ice instead of a huge expanse of it as in the Moto Club or Maple Leaf Garden. This calls for alterations in a skater's technique. It gives you feel modified and cramped on a small area of ice after being accustomed to performing on a large rink.

Merville Rogers is coaching the world champion right now. Barbara Ann practised without music under his direction for the next hour. Rogers plunks a chair out on the ice. He sits down in his big overcoat. He wears a Homburg and leather mitts, put on skates.

Sitting round on his chair, Rogers watches every movement of the famous skating queen. He points out even the slightest defect in form. Rogers puffs cigarettes as he coaches and is absolutely unconscious of anything but the action of the skater before him.

Practise Goes On

But long after the pianist had gone home and the coach had left, Barbara Ann's practising continued. Her next session was with a ballet teacher who arrived to help in injecting the grace of the ballet into skating. When the ballet teacher had enough, Barbara Ann practised alone, trying to correlate the rhythm of music, the instruction of the coach and the art of the ballet into her very soul.

At the same time, he cautioned farmers against producing a fat hog in an effort to compete in the U.S. market. The Americans now were developing a lean hog along Canadian lines and this may be an advantage to Canadians.

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Prairie Moisture 41 Per Cent. Of Normal

REGINA.—Rainfall in the past autumn averaged only 41 per cent. of normal for the three prairie provinces, according to an estimate made by the Searele Grain company and released recently.

These fall rains—after harvest and up to freeze-up—constitute the only moisture reserves available for the coming crop that will be seeded on stubble land.

Summerfall landed, however, contains additional reserves. These consist of the rains that fell during the past growing season and the fall before that. The Searele estimate places these reserves at 87 per cent. of normal for the prairie area.

Reserves by provinces are estimated as follows:

Stubble land: Alberta 39 per cent.; Saskatchewan 39 per cent., and Manitoba 54 per cent.

Summerfall: Alberta 92 per cent.; Saskatchewan 82 per cent., and Manitoba 104 per cent. of normal.

POTASH FOUND AT OIL SITE

REGINA.—J. M. Cantor, secretary-treasurer of Community Petroleum Ltd., announced potash has been discovered on an oil-drilling site a half-mile from North Battleford in north-western Saskatchewan.

Mr. Cantor said a salt bed with two zones had been struck at more than 2,700 feet containing a low potash content. Samples have been sent to University of Saskatchewan for analysis.

Foreign Language Records Obtainable

During the long winter evenings when music becomes a restful pastime and especially when there are no radio broadcasts, many people are turning to their own selection from records.

This fact is most appreciated by our new Canadian citizens who have come from Europe in recent months to establish themselves here, as now it is possible to obtain in Canada records of most foreign languages, thus giving them an opportunity to enjoy a restful period of listening to music of their own native land.

Record Catch Of Herring In One Set

VANCOUVER.—A thousand tons of herring in one set—2,000,000 lbs. of fish—is the record catch reported by one boat in Barkley Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Value of the catch landed at the dock is about \$2,500. Of this amount the seiner crew will divide about \$7,500, tendermen will receive an equal amount on a share basis and the remainder will go to boat chasers and other charges.

license plate, 48 U 1, the car is familiar to Ottawa people.

Everyplace in the Minto Club are photos of Barbara Ann Scott as the local girl's pride and honor to every one's own. There is a large framed photograph of her by Karsch. This is also an interesting picture of Sonja Henie with an autographed note reading: "To Barbara Ann Scott with all my best wishes."

Gas for lighting purposes in Canada was introduced in 1840.

Banks Render Music For Clients

EDMONTON.—Now the Canadian Bank of Commerce here has disc jockeys.

Customers entering the bank on business were pleasantly surprised recently to hear renditions of Christmas carols and soft organ music.

The music all recorded, comes from a combination radio-transistor player.

Branches of the Bank of Montreal in Montreal and Toronto installed a similar system recently.

A bank official here said the system will be continued, if it proves itself.

—By Les Carroll

I THOUGHT YOU FORGOT, SO I BOUGHT A FEW PRESENTS MYSELF AND CHARGED THEM TO YOU!

IF YOU'RE JUST BUTTERING ME UP TO TELL ME YOU FORGOT TO GET ME A BIRTHDAY PRESENT, PAW, IT'S ALL RIGHT... DONT MIND, SEE, THANKS, PAW.

YOU ARE SO NICE, I WOULD OF KNOWN WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER FROM YOUR HEAD TO YOUR FEET. JUST ONE MORE THING, I WANT YOU TO GET THE GENUINE CARTER'S LITTLE LAYER PINK FROM YOUR DRESSAGE-SHOE.



**WORLD
HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD**

The 1949 session of the British Columbia legislature will open Feb. 8, Premier Byron Johnson announced.

A brief protesting the circulation of lurid, crime-type "comic books" soon will be presented to the federal minister of justice by two British Columbia organizations.

The British Commons has passed a bill providing statutory basis for peacetime training of the public in civil defence against any attack including atomic weapons.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will speak in Calgary March 3 under the auspices of the Elks' Brith. It was announced. Mrs. Roosevelt will speak at the United Nations and its work.

The government asked United States farmers to produce more of some foods, including milk. It forecasts "continued high consumer demands"—a standard barometer of prosperity.

Christopher Mayhew, undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, told commons the government had information that Bulgaria and Romania have increased their armed forces beyond 1946 treaty limits.

If and when Canada's roughly 112,000 civil servants get all or part of the cost-of-living bonus they want, the increase is also expected to affect the 37,000 odd men who serve in the three armed forces.

Fresh flowers on the waiting room tables of the railroad station in Frinton, Essex, England, brought a British railway executive commendation to the stationmaster on his "artistic" touch.

One of the largest collections of Canadian paintings ever to be shown in the United States has been put on display in the Canadian club quarters at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

THE SCRIPTURES

The highest earthly enjoyments are but a shadow of the joy I find in reading God's word.—Lady Jane Grey.

When you have read the Bible, you will know it is the word of God, because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness and your own duty—Woodrow Wilson.

I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without a Bible.—William Lyon Phelps.

A loving trust in the Author of the Bible is the best preparation for a wise and profitable study of the Bible itself.—H. C. Trumbull.

Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties; write its precepts in your hearts, and practice them in your lives.—Ulysses S. Grant.

The Scriptures are very sacred. One must be to have them understood spiritually, for only by this understanding can truth be gained.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The first airway beacons on the United States were made from automobile headlights mounted in sets of four on wooden poles.

Dynamite Shifts Rocks--

WHILE drilling rocks for blasting is slow work, it is one of the surest methods of breaking up very hard rock, particularly of the "nugget head" type, and is certainly the method which requires the smallest amount of dynamite. Because this is a matter of general agricultural interest, we are here giving detailed instructions for the proper use of explosives in blasting boulders.

There are three general methods of blasting boulders, blockholing, snakeholing and mudcapping. We shall deal with blockholing first.

Blockholing

This consists of drilling a hole into the boulder and loading it with a relatively small amount of dynamite. The hole should be drilled about half way through the boulder and may be an inch or larger in diameter. It should be well packed with dynamite from the paper shell and pack it firmly in the bottom of the hole. When the proper amount of dynamite has been put in, it is packed down carefully using a round wooden stick with a flat end to tamp it firmly into the bottom of the hole.

The blasting cap is then crimped onto the lower end of the fuse and pressed into a small hole about the size of the cap, which is previously made in the dynamite charge with a sharp wooden stick. The dynamite is now pressed tightly around the cap and the hole is then filled up with clay sufficiently moist to tamp firmly. For blockholing a relatively weak dynamite will do, 30 or 40 per cent explosive being sufficiently strong while the explosive is perfectly confined as is the case in blockholing.

The accompanying table gives the amounts of dynamite that should be used for different sizes of boulders by the various methods of boulder blasting. This table, however, is worked out for 50 per cent straight dyna-

KITCHEN MEDITATIONS

What Of Joseph?

I often think of that other night when angels sang from afar To the shepherds on the hill, a song and the wise men followed a star; Or of the time when the manager known only to a few; Of the loving care of a mother mild. What did the father do?

The songs and tales of that bright scene tell much of the mother's love;

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GIFT GUIDE



for Eleventh
Hour Shoppers

Suggestions for Last-Minute Shoppers

We have an excellent assortment of attractive and useful gifts which will afford you great pleasure to give or to receive.

For The Ladies

COSMETIC SETS, in a full range of prices, up to \$18.00
PURSES and HANDBAGS, in leather, bead, etc.
STATIONERY, in fancy gift boxes of highest quality paper.
Playing Cards, Snapshot Albums, Autograph Albums, Books.
PICTURES, framed or unframed.

Christmas Cards

Distinctive Designs in boxes of 12 or more, and Single Cards at 2 for 5c and up

CUT FLOWERS and PLANTS

Will be on display and available for Xmas giving. Let us have your order early for any plants or flowers you may require. The supply is very limited again this year.

Coleman Pharmacy

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FRED SMITH, Manager.

Purnell Theatres' HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS

Roxy Theatre, Coleman

Saturday and Monday, Dec. 25 and 27
Dick POWELL and Jane GREER, in

"STATION WEST"

Savage! Thrilling! Unforgettable!

NO MATINEE SATURDAY

Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 28 and 29
Bob Cameron and Cathy Downs, in

"PANHANDLE"

The West's most famous outlaws!

MATINEE TUESDAY at 2 p.m.

Final Chapter of SERIAL will be shown

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 30 and 31
Frank Sundstrom and Audrey Long, in

"Song Of My Heart"

A Great Love Story

Orpheum Theatre, Blairmore

Saturday and Monday, Dec. 25 and 27

HAL ROACH presents

"LAFF-TIME"

In Gay New Cinecolor TWO PARTS

Part 1 - William Tracy and Joe Sawyer, in
"Here Comes Trouble"
Part 2 - Eileen Janssen and Virginia Grey
in

"Who Killed 'Doc' Robbin"

Roxy Theatre, Coleman

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1949

MID-NIGHT PREVIEW

Jack Carson and Janis Paige, in

"Romance on the High Seas"

in Technicolor

Saturday and Monday, Jan. 1 and 3

Loretta Young and William Holden, in

'Rachel and the Stranger'

Rugged Drama

Saturday Matinee at 2 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 4 and 5

HAL ROACH presents

"LAFF-TIME"

In Gay New Cinecolor TWO PARTS

Part 1 - William Tracy and Joe Sawyer, in
"Here Comes Trouble"
Part 2 - Eileen Janssen and Virginia Grey
in

"Who Killed 'Doc' Robbin"

Thursday and Friday, Jan. 6 and 7

Jack Carson and Janis Paige, in

"Romance on the High Seas"

in Technicolor

Orpheum Theatre, Blairmore

Saturday and Monday, Jan. 1 and 3

Randolph Scott, in

"Return of the Bad Men"

Terror Strikes Again!

Bellevue Theatre, Bellevue

Saturday and Monday, Dec. 25 and 27

Frank Sundstrom and Audrey Long, in

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With the glorious melodies of Tchaikovsky

To All Our Patrons--A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Resume Of High School Activities

The first term of this school year has been a very busy one in spite of an interruption early in September because of poliomyleitis.

The students have taken part in numerous school projects. First, they helped in the registering of citizens for the visit of the Chest X-Ray Clinic, by calling at the homes for names, filling out appointment cards, and arranging transportation for the children.

Then the students attended a ceremony of the granting of citizenship papers to New Canadians, which was held in the school auditorium. At the ceremony one of the grade eleven students read a paper on the privileges of being a Canadian.

Neither have social activities been neglected. One invitation dance, Sadie Hawkin's party in the school auditorium, and a Christmas party in the making, have provided and will provide a great deal of pleasure.

The Sadie Hawkin's dance was preceded by a day of punishment for the boys who, after having disobeyed or forgotten, the rules of Sadie Hawkin's week. Offenders were ordered to dress as Carmen Miranda, Aunt Jemima, or other amusing characters. In the evening the girls escorted the boys to the dance in the tradition of the occasion. Auditorium walls were decorated with scenes of Schnecko, Lil' Abner, and Daisy Mae.

Preparations for the Christmas party are now under way with school orchestra and play practices.

These activities have kept the students not only busy, but also happy.

THOUGHTS OF THE END OF THE TERM

Is it really Christmas? We can hardly believe it. Why, September was just yesterday!

These are the exclamations heard in our school this week. The first four months of the term have just flown by and the realization that Christmas is here has given us much food for thought.

If Christmas comes, can June be far behind?

Christmas examinations remind us that other examinations, the finals, will come as swiftly as have the Christmas tests. All of it means that Time, which moves so quickly, is bringing the older students to the end of their school days. This is a sad thought while it is left for them as school children. The seriousness of the thought has not yet come to the younger students, but they too are amazed at how short four months can be.

IN THE HALLWAYS

The hallways of Coleman High are in a constant bustle. When there is a change of period, the hallways are always full and at this time, everyone seems to be walking (something they have not been during class.) In one corner of the hallway, two students are just about coming to blows, while each has a different answer to the same question. In the test they have just written, and each is positive that his answer is right and that the other fellow is wrong. Somewhere else a student is doing the same thing he should have done the previous night, so that if the teacher asks who has done such and such a problem, he will have something down. A group of girls standing in a isolated part of the hallway are talking about last night's dance, or telling each other the latest gossip. It seems to be the only place where everyone has something to say because during a class they are as quiet as mice.

THE CHEMISTRY LABORATORY

When a student or visitor enters our Chemistry laboratory for the first time, he must be impressed by the clean, orderly room. On all sides are counters containing equipment for three of our school subjects, chemistry, physics and biology. Along one side is our work counter with its sets of drawers for students' equipment, test tubes, furnishing beakers, test tubes and other apparatus.

To begin working in this laboratory a student must understand and observe certain rules. He must wear some covering to protect his clothes; he must know where the fire extinguishers and the fire equipment are, and he must be responsible for the care of his equipment. Then he picks a "lab partner" who will work with him all through the year.

The advantage of practical experience in a laboratory is that a student learns by doing as well as hearing; the actions of certain chemicals and the principles of physics are thus more easily understood.

A BIT OF WHIMSIE TWAS THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS

It has been heartily agreed by the students that school needs some drastic changes for the Xmas season. So, this is a student's idea of the changes we would like to see.

There will be no classes 'cause the teachers will have too many writing our notes, repairing text books, and as a final gesture, to show that they "Forgive and Forget" in the true Xmas style, marking our report cards with straight A's.

Each brightly decorated classroom will be the scene of some type of entertainment, varying from dancing in the auditorium, to popping corn by the new fireplace in the cafeteria.

Oh boy! This week could be one continual Xmas Eve but unfortunately, the Department of Education got their ideas in first!



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New Year's Eve Ball COLUMBUS HALL, BLAIRMORE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st ARCIANIANS' ORCHESTRA Dancing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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Coleman

Best Wishes Once Again

To all and my sincere wish that the coming year bring Peace on Earth and Goodwill toward Men.

Pattinson's Hardware Store**Christmas Cheer**

OUR wish for you, and you, and you—for all our fellow citizens in this Christmas season—is prosperity, happiness and all the good things of life.

COLEMAN MEAT MARKET

Rypien and Mizura, Proprietors

**Topanno's Grocery****Christmas Cheer**

It is our hope that the patronage we have enjoyed during the past year has been justified by the service we have rendered and that our service may be improved to warrant your continued goodwill through the years to come. To all A MERRY CHRISTMAS

J. M. Allan and Staff

To all Canadian Legion Members and their friends
Coleman Branch of the Canadian Legion

Christmas Message

R. Chapman



Lieuts. E. Burkholder

Greetings at this Christmas Season:

No one knows for certain why December 25th was chosen as the day on which Christmas should be observed. There is no accurate knowledge of the date. The Romans had their Saturnalia, which had degenerated into unrestrained revelry and the Christians may have wished to counteract its demoralizing influence by a celebration of their own.

Back of the selection of the present date was undoubtedly the fact that the Christians of that time believed, though mistakenly, that the night of the 25th of December was the longest and darkest of the year, and on the morning of the 26th the sun for the first time was victorious over what had been the steadily increasing darkness. December 25th therefore seemed the most appropriate time to celebrate the visit of the "Dayspring from on high."

Christmas is the symbol of our Christian conviction that light is stronger than darkness, goodness more powerful than evil, and the eternal forces of the universe are on the side of the constructive efforts of mankind.

To some, Christmas is simply a time of merrymaking; a time when gifts are exchanged; a time when saddened hearts are gladdened by the love and goodness of friends. But is this enough? If we carelessly dismiss the "Christ" from Christmas our lives are left void and vacant, and Christmas becomes meaningless. Christmas is observed because of Christ! On this particular day our memories are stirred as we think of His coming into this world—a fulfillment of prophecy. We remember that He was called "Jesus" because He came to save His people from their sin.

The Jews had looked for the coming of a king who would rescue them from the tyranny of Rome. Christ came as The King, but He did not come to lead militant forces, but His was an Heavenly Kingdom. He came to bring life and liberty to the "Whosoever", and today the name "Jesus" though spoke in varied languages, can be heard on lips the world over. His good news and His message is still proclaimed to men and women the world over. A seemingly lost humanity can be changed and brought to new hope; simply by accepting the Salvation which Christ brought to a sick world.

Let us rightly observe the birth of Christ this season. Let us not only keep the traditions of Christmas—the giving of gifts, the sending of cards; the singing of Carols but may we maintain and obtain the true Spirit by giving unto Christ our lives and our true devotion.

"Far, far away in Bethlehem
And years are long and dim,
Since Mary held a Holy Child,
And angels sang to Him;
But hearts to hearts where faith and
love—

Make room for Christ in them,
He comes again, the Child from
God,
To find His Bethlehem."

Christmas Message

THAT Every Happiness be Yours this Christmas and throughout the New Year is the sincere wish of

Hillcrest-Mohawk Collieries, Ltd.
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Remembrance and Greetings

at CHRISTMAS time and

Best Wishes

for the NEW YEAR

C. J. TOMPKINS**GREETINGS**

with the old, old wish—that you will enjoy a
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Bright and Prosperous New Year

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**A Thought For You**

When the Christmas candles are lighted, the ornaments all in place, well pause to thank you for your patronage and to wish you the Merriest Christmas, Happiness and Health.

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J. L. Fauville, Mgr.

Heartiest Greetings .

If Christmas finds you Happy and leaves you Glad, then will the Yuletide Season have fulfilled our most ardent desire.

CHARLIE ROGGIANI
General Transfer

Christmas Greetings

May PEACE, HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY attend you during the New Year

Pass Photo Service

Jack Nelson, Proprietor, Coleman

Excel Builders' Supply Co.

EXTEND to their Coleman friends and all others in the Crows Nest Pass hearty Christmas Greetings and express the hope that you will all enjoy happiness in the New Year.

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